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We have a couple of men in the shop who have a very interesting hobby. Richard Wright, Shop Superintendent, and Walt Manning of the Experimental Dept. are radio amateurs. Both have been in the amateur radio game for a considerable length of time.

Wright received his first license at the age of fifteen. During the war, he dropped out of the game for awhile, but just recently he had Walt Manning build him a 60-watt transmitter and his call letters are now W7PT. The W7 designation is given to certain western states. His frequency is 28.7 megacycles. It is held at this frequency by a quartz crystal. A quartz crystal vibrates at only one frequency and this is governed by its thickness. He has contacted Uruguay by voice, which has been his farthest contact on his new set.

On these high frequencies, the sets are operated by a rotating beam antenna so the signal can be sent in any desired direction.

Manning has been in the game about fourteen years. During the war, he was in charge of one of the watches at Navy Radio Station NAH with a crew of about fifty Navy and civilian personnel. They handled as high as 14,000 messages in a 24 hour day.

He has a 350-watt transmitter operating at 50,248 kilocycles, and his call letters are W7ERA. He has contacted some eighty foreign countries by voice, in all parts of the globe, in-

cluding the Union of South Africa. The set was built by himself. The transmitter has 14 tubes, the largest tube having an applied voltage of 1600. As an interesting side-light, for about three months in a row on week-ends, he contacted Kwajalein Island in the South Pacific, talked to an Army Captain stationed there and made it possible for the Captain to talk to his wife, mother and daughter. After the Captain received his discharge, he made it a point to visit Manning.

GOLF NEWS

By GEORGE PORTER

Iron Fireman's first golf tournament of the season was a success even though only 20 of the best of them played Glendoveer's second 18.

First low gross honors go to "The old master," Bus Hall, who came in with a 79 after having a little tough luck. With the honors went three \$1.00 golf balls. Second low gross and two golf balls went to Pete Levinsky of Heating Control, for his score of 84 which is good golf any day. Third low gross was won by this year's Committee Chairman, Bill "Stinky" Packer. Bill gets one golf ball for his sparkling 89.

As this is the first time any Heating Control men have entered our tournaments, they naturally do not have a handicap and their only chance of winning is on the gross score. From

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Yes sir, it is that time and plans are already under way for our big company picnic. The new arrivals are due for a pleasant and eventful surprise and all the older employees will welcome the arrival of this top summer event. August 16 at Avalon park is the date and place.

As in the past the plans of the picnic will be made on a mutual basis. The company will pay for the cost of the park, refreshments, necessary equipment for entertainment, any hired entertainment, the grand prize in the drawing, and any similar expenses. The employee committee will contact each person to find out how many tickets he will need for his family.

As in the past, the employees will donate one dollar each to be used exclusively for prizes in the different races and other contests. Generally some is left for prizes in the drawing, preparatory to the grand prize drawing. For these, the only names in the pot are those who contributed.

One note from last year's experience. Please do not leave your purses, cameras or other possessions laying around where they may become lost or damaged.

By the next issue of the Iron Man, everything should be in order and you will find complete information and the program of events then.

Plan to attend.

A boy and his mother stood looking at a dentist's showcase. "If I had to have false teeth, mother, I'd take that pair," said the small boy, pointing.

"Hush! Willie," quickly said his mother. "Haven't I told you not to pick your teeth in public?"

Hobo: "Won't you help a poor, crippled man?"

Man: "You look healthy enough. In what way are you crippled?"

Hobo: "Financially."

HOW BIG IS A BIG SHOT?

An Editorial by BOB CUMMINGS

Undoubtedly each of you have at one time or another, known somebody who is quite important in his own right. An industrial leader, an engineer, a doctor or a lawyer whose judgment is sound and whose opinion is recognized and respected by the entire profession.



Bob Cummings

Also you must have met some person who is quite important in his own eyes. The man who tells his neighbors how they should do their work, and at every opportunity tells anybody who will listen just what is wrong with the system, with labor, the management, politics, the weather bureau or any topic his listener cares to bring up.

The difference between these two men is apparent immediately. The important man is aware that his knowledge is gained from his daily contact with his fellows and from listening to all constructive ideas advanced. He does not impatiently brush aside all that has been said in order to put over his idea.

The other man is ready to "butt in" at any moment to tell the entire assemblage how it should be done, and he hasn't the slightest patience with any person who does not agree wholeheartedly. (Incidentally you will probably find that this guy has "told off" more bosses than any four of us ever worked under.) He is a "big shot." He is so big he stands in his own way and cannot see just how small a "little big shot" really is.

So hesitate a moment before "blowing your top" the next time somebody criticizes or makes a suggestion about your work, and reflect on this. Do people occasionally come to you to seek your advice, and do they act on it when received? Or must you always approach the other person? Do you have to hunt an audience or break into an already established conversation?

Think it over. How big is a "Big Shot?"

Safe Saving

We are gradually leveling off on our incomes and outgoing expenses and most people find they can get along fairly well, but somehow can't save or get some of the larger items they need or want. They are also a little worried about the lack of savings for unknown emergencies. By using the payroll savings plan for purchase of Savings Bonds, these savings can count up in a very satisfactory manner without any apparent inconvenience. The interest is higher than any other savings plan available, and the safety is the highest in the world.

Think this over. When your first bonds mature, if you have one \$25 bond a month coming due and you turn it right back into the purchase of new bonds, together with regular monthly \$18.75 purchase, you will have a monthly check of \$58.33 in 10

years. If you can work twenty more years, you can retire with an income of \$102.77 per month plus your Social Security payments.

"A COMPANY MAY SPREAD ITSELF OVER THE WHOLE WORLD. . . MAY EMPLOY THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN . . . YET THE AVERAGE PERSON WILL FORM HIS JUDGMENT OF THE COMPANY THROUGH HIS CONTACT WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL. IF THIS PERSON IS RUDE OR INEFFICIENT, IT WILL REQUIRE A LOT OF COURTESY AND EFFICIENCY TO OVERCOME THE BAD IMPRESSION. EVERY MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION WHO IN ANY CAPACITY COMES IN CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC, IS A SALESMAN . . . THE IMPRESSION HE MAKES IS AN ADVERTISEMENT . . . GOOD OR BAD."

A quotation from the Riley Oil Corporation.



For Sale—Set of golf clubs and bag, cheap. Suitable for left handed beginner. See Herb Taylor, assembly.

For Sale—Safety shoes. Get a good work shoe and insurance against a painful injury for the nominal price of \$7.50. See a sample and place your order in First Aid with Stevie.

Help Wanted—What this paper needs is a good sports editor. If you would like to do this, or can recommend someone, see one of the editors.

Help Wanted — Jimmy Fitzpatrick (Assembly) offers chicken dinners and beer on the job for help in making his deep freeze unit, fruit closet and paving his driveway.

Wanted—A ride to plant 1 from the vicinity of 69 and Woodstock. See Dick Campbell, Turret Lathes.

Open Invitation to wedding reception offered to anyone knowing the whereabouts of a nice cozy apartment we can rent, starting around September first. See Dott Zanotto.

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The Shipping Department

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same individual carton for packing. As an example, the Warm air Regulators A111, A112, and A113 all use the same carton and same bracing. This too applies to the hot water Controls — W121, W122, W123 and W123-1 use the same setup for protection. The Syncrostat line C100, C110, and C120 all use the same inside carton. This too applies to the Pressure Regulators for, though there are several different regulators in this line, they all pack the same. So by learning the inside carton used for each of the groups, the packing work is made easier.

After being placed in the inside carton, the accessories must be added to each, as they require flanges for the warm air regulators, syphons for the larger pressure regulators, mounting screws for the controllers, and an instruction sheet for each control. Then they must be sealed and stamped, showing what the carton contains with its rating, its voltage, and the cycles. After this, they are packed in an outside carton which is stamped the same as the smaller carton inside, and it is ready for the shipping section.

Due to the fact that our controls are nearly all shipped to the retail trade by the other Iron Fireman plants and branches, we in the shipping department of the Heating Control Division ship in large quantities to these other branches. Our only contact with these Retail customers is through the Repair department. The extent and wide coverage of the Iron Fireman Companies' sales can be seen from the many different points from which these repairs come to us. They may come to us from Greenwood, Mississippi, or Bangor, Maine, or from many points in all of the states between. Other distant points to which shipments have gone are Fairbanks, Alaska, and the Island of Hawaii.

As I ship repairs to the customers time after time, I feel that I should know them and get to wondering what they look like. And I feel that I would like to go to their city and introduce myself to them as the Shipping Clerk of the Heating Control Division of the Iron Fireman Manufacturing Co.

The portal to portal idea is getting competition. From Seattle comes word of a bed to bed pay movement launched by a group of executives blessed with a sense of humor. These wags insist they begin their jobs when they open their eyes in the morning, carry it home with them in the evening, and sit up with it late at night.



WHAT ARE THE TEN BEST YEARS OF LIFE?

ANSWERS:

Opinions vary as to which years of life are best. Some consider their care-free high school and college days as the best, while others prefer to look forward to the time when the major responsibilities of life have been taken care of and a life of retirement is theirs, to do as they please. To be able to do this at the age of 50 would, in my estimation, be ideal. Harold Staats—married, one child, works in Assembly room.

The best ten years of my life was when our children were still home to spend vacations with us. Lillie Stokes—married, has two children, works in Assembly.

Ezra Scheer of the Sheet Metal department and a family man didn't pick any certain years but with him it will be the ten years that allow the most fishing.

They are the carefree days when one has no responsibility or anyone to take care but himself or herself. The first ten years of school life is the answer. Floyd Brigham, married, no children, works in Shear room.

The average individual is probably living with a more open mind, constantly learning, and willing to be taught, most content, the happiest, and probably the most healthy person between the ages of fifteen and

twenty-five. The things that take place during these years usually determine what a person does later in life. It is these years that are most important, and I believe the best years in one's life. Art Aldinger, married, has two children, Assembly Foreman.

The ten best years of my life are to be in the future. For when my husband and I are working together and planning, it gives us both great pleasure and happiness. When we have our home finished and the little ones which make a home a home, the best years will have been started. But not the real best years, for we intend to make them better as we go along. Carol Rein—new bride, works in Assembly room.

In my opinion, the best years of life are the first ten after marriage. They may not be the easiest, but during that time a couple works and plans for the comfort and security they will have in their later years. Jean Becker—married, works on gear cutter in Machine Shop.

The best years of my life were my school days when I didn't have a worry or a care in the world. Mary Suppes—not married, works on gear cutter in Machine shop.

Mechanic: "The trouble with your car, Miss, is that you have a short circuit in your wiring."

Miss Smith: "Can you lengthen it just a little while I wait?"

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Landlady: "A professor who invented an explosive once occupied this room."

New Roomer: "And these spots on the ceiling, are they the explosives?"

Landlady: "No sir, them is the professor."

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Young Gates: "Do fish grow fast?"

Young Neff: "I'll say. My dad caught one that grows every time he talks about it."

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Mrs. Jones, a London lady, was proudly discussing her new American son-in-law with a neighbor. "My Gwendolyn has done very well for herself, I must say" she boasted. "Haffter all, 'tisin't every day a young girl marries an American lord."

"An American lord? Why I never 'eard of such a thing in all my born days!"

"I wouldn't tell you a lie," said Mrs. Jones. "Ain't you ever 'eard of the American 'ousing shortage? That's why Gwendolyn's husband is so hoity toity. He's a real American lord—a landlord!"—Tracks.

P. S. If he's a lord, I'm a lady.

Madge Carpenter



3 TOP BALL PLAYERS

From left to right we have Charles Strader, Willis Urban and Jarold Krafve, all former students and star athletes at Washington High. All three played both basketball and baseball with each starring in his own particular field. Willis and Jarold did their best at basketball. Willis was placed on the all-state second team in 1944 and on both the all-city first team and the all-state second team in 1945. Jarold was placed on the all city second team and the all-state first team in 1944 and placed on the first string for both the all-city and all-state teams in 1945. That was the year Washington High won the state championship. Charles did his best at baseball, playing third base for Washington and being placed on the all-city first team in both 1944 and 1945.

Now they all play on our Plant 1 softball team and while the team does not claim any outstanding star, it is a sure thing these fellows aren't holding the team back.

Girls, they are all single, tall and the picture doesn't do them justice.

SHOTS → → →

From the Firing Line

The main event this month was the open tournament at Clackamas by the Oregon Gun Club. With four Iron men in attendance, we made a creditable showing. As far as we were concerned though the piece de resistance, the height of the whole thing was our own Harold "Stinky" De Pew placing second over the whole field in the 40 shot 100 yard match. Yippee, ray, ray, ray, and wow!! Harold also took a second in his class at 50 yards. Rex Smallmon was second in his class at 50 meters. Bert Miller took fourth in the 50 yard standing match and Lewis Byrne Jr. retained

Softball Sidelines

PLANT 1 TIED FOR FIRST HALF CHAMPIONSHIP

Bob Krause pitched a two hit shut-out Thursday the 12th, fanning five Letter Carriers and allowing only one man to reach second base, as the Ironmen moved into a first half tie for the Industrial E league leadership by defeating the Lettermen 1 to 0.

Krause also scored the only run of the game when he reached first base on an error and scored on a triple by Dick Walker.

The team has been moved into the Industrial D league but this should not be too difficult as the team has steadily developed into a well rounded ball club. This was shown by the errorless ball of this last and crucial game of the first half. The batting averages are a good indication also and the team average of .364.

	AB	H	Ave.
Walker	22	11	.500
Urban	20	9	.450
Axt	18	8	.444
Krause	16	6	.375
Hecker	15	5	.333
Nicholson	13	4	.307
Kraive	18	5	.277
Papineau	7	2	.272
Rodriguez	17	4	.233
Strader	2	0	.000

HEATING CONTROL TIED FOR SECOND PLACE

Our softball team is tied for second place in the Industrial league "C" for the first half, but we have one more game to play yet with Eastman Kodak. The second half play should start off against Western Electric. The following are the player's batting averages up to time of this writing:

Ray Gates	.538
R. Coats	.526
D. Draper	.500
Stephens	.500
Tagessell	.473
D. Coats	.450
Bill Boaz	.400
Bill Reihl	.400
J. Draper	.250
Keller	.250
Kraft	.250

possession of the W. W. Miller trophy inasmuch as no one equalled his string of 11 tens in 20 shots standing, established last year.

GOLF NEWS

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now on, watch out for Bill Boaz, Frank Keller, and T. Sprando; all have established a handicap and can compete on more even terms. Any and all Heating Control men wishing to enter our tournaments, which will be held about every three weeks, get in touch with any of the above men-



There is nothing like the touch of your pet sport tool or the fact you have chosen to lead in your favorite sport, to bring joy to the heart and a smile to the lips. Folks: Meet Bill Packer, Chairman of the Golf Committee.

tioned or Adolph Freeman. You are more than welcome. Come out and have some fun.

First low net spot goes to Bill Schuff, "The second best bowler the city of Portland" as well as a golfer. Bill's reward was three golf balls. Ted Walker, last year's "little champ," took second low net and two golf balls. (Watch this guy, he's tough.) Joe "Pappy" Haag came in with a snappy 98, which with his 26 handicap gave Joe a 72 and one golf ball.

All the participants and their gross and net scores as well as handicaps are listed below.

The next tournament will be held at Colwood on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29. To avoid the crowds, be there on Saturday morning at 7:30 A. M. ready to tee off. Turn in score cards at Plant 1 by Monday A. M.

	Gross	Hdep.	Net
O. Ahern	103	23	80
B. Boaz	108	27	81
B. Chambers	104	24	80
J. Haag	98	26	72
G. Hall	79	5	74
F. Hansen	103	23	80
A. Hoffmeister	104	22	82
H. Hohenleitner	103	24	79
B. Jack	115	28	87
F. Keller	112	30	82
T. Kinney	110	24	87
J. Koseniowski	125	33	92
P. Levinsky	84	9	75
H. Nelson	94	19	75
B. Packer	89	16	73
B. Schuff	89	20	69
T. Sprando	97	19	78
G. Swanson	119	33	86
T. Walker	88	17	71
A. Wallace	121	33	88